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REPORT TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES

In March the General Counsel to the San Diego Redevelopment Agency solicited requests for proposals for special counsel services. Twelve firms were solicited statewide. Three of the firms solicited were based in San Diego. Of the three local law firms none chose to submit a proposal primarily because conflicts might arise with their private clients. Eight law firms responded to the proposal, four of whom were interviewed. Of the four firms interviewed, the current special counsel of the Redevelopment Agency (Kane, Ballmer & Berkman) was included.

The interview panel consisted of John Davies, President of the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) Board; Pam Hamilton, Acting Executive Vice President of CCDC; Stephen Harding, Executive Vice President of Southeast Economic Development Corporation (SEDC); Maureen Stapleton, Deputy City Manager; Herbert Lemmons of the Economic Development Division of the Property Department; and Janis Sammartino-Gardner, Deputy City Attorney. Based upon the four firms interviewed, it was unanimously agreed upon by the interviewing panel that the law firm of Kane, Ballmer & Berkman be retained in its current role as Redevelopment Agency special counsel. The General Counsel to the Agency concurs in that recommendation.

The specific terms and conditions of the contract with Kane, Ballmer & Berkman for the upcoming fiscal year are contained in the attached reports prepared by CCDC and SEDC.

Respectfully submitted,
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